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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6-8.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Application has been examined. The claims 1-9 are pending. The examination results are as following.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knowles (US 5,573,077).

Regarding claim 1, Knowles discloses in figure 3, an acoustic contact detecting device, comprising a substrate (10) having a top surface; an acoustic wave transducer (14) for coupling with a first wave (see shear wave 12) representative of a bulk wave being propagated through said substrate along an axis crossing said top surface (see column 6, lines 51-54); a planar wiring (see wiring connection of two transducers) for supplying said acoustic wave transducer (see column 7, lines 31-33) with an inherent electric power; a connecting device (see interconnect 340, figure 22, for connecting said acoustic wave transducer with the planar wiring (see column 18, lines 6-31); a diffractive acoustic wave mode coupler having a mode of converted wave having high energy (see figure 1D, column 2, lines 51-60) on said top surface and functioning for coupling a second wave(see shear wave 324) being propagated along an axis parallel to said top surface with said first wave (see figure 21, column 17,47-52); a means for detecting (see touch panel)a perturbation in the energy of said second wave.

Regarding claim 2, Knowles discloses in figure 2A and 3, a coordinate input device of touch-type comprising: a propagation medium having a top surface capable of propagating an acoustic wave (see column 6, lines 45-50); a bulk wave generation means (12) for propagating a bulk wave in a crossing direction with respect to said top surface of said propagation medium; a planar wiring for supplying this bulk wave generation means (see column 7, lines 31-33 with an inherent electric power; a connecting device for providing an electrical connection between said bulk wave generation means and said planar wiring (see column 18, lines 6-31); an acoustic wave generation means for converting said bulk wave into an acoustic wave and propagating said acoustic wave on the top surface of said propagation medium; and a detecting means (see touch panel or touch position sensor) for detecting a scatter in the surface of the acoustic wave from said acoustic wave generation means.

Regarding claim 3, Knowles discloses an acoustic wave transducer is composed of a piezoelectric vibrator (see column 6, lines 51-57).

Regarding claim 4, Knowles discloses the wiring is formed by using conductive paste (see metalized formed conductive epoxy (see column 17, lines 66-67, and column 18, lines 1-31)

Regarding claims 5-6, Knowles discloses an inherent the wiring is formed by way of transfer printing, and formed on back surface of the substrate (because the wiring always formed on printed circuit board, which is formed on back of the substrate)

Regarding claim 7, Knowles discloses the connecting device is made of conductive material having a step corresponding to a profile of said acoustic wave transducer (see column 17, lines 66-67, and column 18, lines 1-31).

Regarding claim 8, Knowles discloses said acoustic wave transducer comprises a piezoelectric substrate (10, figure 2A) and a piezoelectric vibrator (14) having electrode sections disposed on both surfaces of said piezoelectric substrate, and said planar wiring (figures 21-23) comprises a first wiring section (346) capable of contacting with one of said electrode sections of said piezoelectric vibrator by way of line, wherein said connecting device is formed in a form capable of connecting the other electrode section of said piezoelectric vibrator with said second wiring section (348, see column 18, lines 6-31).

Regarding claim 9, Knowles discloses substrate for an acoustic detecting device (see touch panel or touch sensor) having a top surface, said substrate further comprising an acoustic wave transducer coupled with a bulk wave having a propagation axis crossing said top surface in the substrate; a wiring for supplying said acoustic wave transducer with electric power, said wiring being printed on a back surface of said substrate; a connecting device for connecting said acoustic wave transducer with 5 said wiring; a diffractive acoustic wave mode coupling structure formed in the proximity to said surface for converting acoustic energy of the bulk wave into a wave to be propagated along an axis parallel to said top surface; and a means for detecting the converted acoustic wave energy corresponding to a position of a perturbation event as discusses in claim 1.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kimnhung Nguyen whose telephone number (703) 308-0425.

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